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‘ALL OTHERS’ CLOSES LATE TO BE KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURES POOL 3 CHOICE; UNBEATEN McCRAKEN EARNS EDGE AS NARROW INDIVIDUAL CHOICE

Tight Battle for Individual Choice in Penultimate 2017 Pool; Final Pool Set for March 31-April 2

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017) – After more than two days of wagering during which it ranked as low as the fifth choice of bettors across North America, the always-popular “**All Others**” (#24) wagering interest closed strongly on Sunday’s final day of wagering to emerge as the **narrow 5-1 favorite** in the third of four pools of **Churchill Downs Racetrack’s Kentucky Derby Future Wager** (“KDFW”), edging a tightly-bunched group of individual Derby contenders headed by unbeaten **McCraken** (#15, 5-1).

Odds had climbed as high as 10-1 on the **Mutuel Field** (#24), or “All Others,” midway through the Feb. 24-26 pool, but strong bettor support during Pool 3’s final six-hour session on Sunday fueled a steady decline in those odds through the final position of 5-1 when wagering closed at 6 p.m. (EST). Along with the natural attraction of the Mutuel Field – which includes all 3-year-old Thoroughbreds other than the 23 individual horses in any respective KDFW Pool – support for that wagering interest likely received a boost from Saturday’s results of the \$400,000 Risen Star (Grade II) at Fair Grounds. The top two finishers in the Kentucky Derby prep at the New Orleans track – **Brad Grady**’s victorious **Girvin** and **Michael Langford**’s runner-up **Untrapped** – were both members in the “All Others” interest.

Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC’s **McCraken**, trainer **Ian Wilkes**’ winner of the Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) at Churchill Downs and Tampa Bay Downs’ **Sam F. Davis** (GIII), had been the overall Pool 3 favorite throughout the first two days of betting and held on to close as the favored individual horse. But close behind was the group that included **Isabella De Tomaso**’s unbeaten **Irish War Cry** (#11, 7-1), winner of the Holy Bull (GII) at Gulfstream Park for Kentucky Derby-winning trainer **Graham Motion**; **Cheyenne Stables LLC**’s unbeaten **Mastery** (#14, 8-1), winner of the Los Alamitos Futurity (GI) for four-time Kentucky Derby-winning trainer **Bob Baffert**; **John C. Oxley**’s reigning Eclipse Award 2-year-old champion and Sentient Jet Breeders’ Cup Juvenile (GI) winner **Classic Empire** (#4, 11-1) and **WinStar Farm, China Horse Club** and **SF Racing LLC**’s **One Liner** (#17, 12-1), Kentucky Derby-winning trainer **Todd Pletcher**’s unbeaten winner of Oaklawn Park’s Southwest (GIII).

Overall betting in KDFW Pool 3 totaled \$373,354 – an increase of 13.8 percent over the \$328,109 wagered in the same pool in 2016. The 2017 total included \$250,280 in \$2 win wagering and \$123,075 in \$2 exacta betting. Total wagering during the first three pools of the 2017 Kentucky Derby Future Wager totals \$925,197, and the bet’s fourth and final three-day pool is scheduled for **March 31-April 2**.

The Kentucky Derby Future Wager provides racing fans with the opportunity to wager on contenders for the Kentucky Derby at odds that could be more attractive than those available on the day of America’s greatest race. Payouts in the win and exacta wagering in Pool 3 were determined by the odds in place at Sunday’s conclusion of wagering.

The 143rd running of the **Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands** (GI) is scheduled for Saturday, May 6.

The Kentucky Derby Future Wager offers \$2 minimum win wagering on 24 betting interests that include 23 individual horses and the Mutuel Field, which includes all 3-year-old Thoroughbreds other than the individual wagering interests in a respective pool. Each pool also offers \$2 exacta wagering on the 24 wagering interests, with the latter also available in \$1 minimum increments in boxes and other multiple number configurations.

The official rules of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager prohibit scratches or refunds. Should Churchill Downs determine that a wagering interest has encountered an injury, illness or other circumstance would prohibit that horse from competing in the 2017 Kentucky Derby, wagering on the individual will be immediately suspended.

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More information on the Kentucky Derby and the wager is available online at www.KentuckyDerby.com.

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2017 KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER POOL 3					
Final Odds & Will-Pays					
Friday, Feb. 24 - Sunday, Feb. 26					
#	Wagering Interest	Trainer	Morning Line Odds	FINAL odds	\$ Will Pay
1	Always Dreaming*	Todd Pletcher	50-1	42-1	\$86.40
2	American Anthem	Bob Baffert	15-1	16-1	\$34.60
3	Battalion Runner	Todd Pletcher	20-1	34-1	\$70.60
4	Classic Empire	Mark Casse	8-1	11-1	\$24.40
5	El Areeb	Cathal Lynch	20-1	20-1	\$42.40
6	Epicharis (Jpn)*	Kyoshi Hagiwara	30-1	41-1	\$84.80
7	Gormley	John Shirreffs	15-1	18-1	\$39.00
8	Guest Suite (g)	Neil Howard	50-1	60-1	\$123.40
9	Gunnevera	Antonio Sano	20-1	22-1	\$46.00
10	Iliad* (r)	Doug O'Neill	15-1	24-1	\$51.40
11	Irish War Cry	Graham Motion	12-1	7-1	\$16.80
12	Local Hero*	Steve Asmussen	50-1	72-1	\$147.80
13	Malagacy	Todd Pletcher	30-1	53-1	\$109.20
14	Mastery	Bob Baffert	10-1	8-1	\$18.40
15	McCraken	Ian Wilkes	8-1	6-1	\$15.60
16	Mo Town	Anthony Dutrow	15-1	27-1	\$57.20
17	One Liner*	Todd Pletcher	15-1	12-1	\$26.60
18	Petrov	Ron Moquett	30-1	73-1	\$148.80
19	Practical Joke	Chad Brown	20-1	19-1	\$40.40
20	Royal Mo*	John Shirreffs	15-1	36-1	\$74.00
21	State of Honor	Mark Casse	50-1	198-1	\$399.40
22	Tapwrit*	Todd Pletcher	20-1	22-1	\$46.40
23	Wild Shot	Rusty Arnold	50-1	120-1	\$242.80
24	Mutuel Field (All Others)		4-1	5-1	\$12.40
\$2 Win Total: \$250,279 ... \$2 Exacta Total: \$123,074 ... TOTAL WAGERING: \$373,354					